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KC ATTORNEY SENTENCED FOR FAILING TO PAY TAXES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., attorney was sentenced in federal court today for failing to pay his federal income taxes.

Dale E. Lovelace, 39, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. Magistrate Judge Sarah W. Hays this morning to one year in federal prison without parole. Schlozman noted that this was the maximum penalty provided under federal statutes.

On Sept. 13, 2005, **Lovelace** pleaded guilty to failing to pay \$109,584 in federal income taxes for the calendar year 2000. **Lovelace** admitted that he received a taxable income of \$266,076 from his law practice during 2000. **Lovelace** also admitted that he failed to pay his income taxes for 1996 and 1997, and that he failed to file his income tax returns and pay income tax from 1998 through 2002. While the tax loss for 1999 has not been determined, Schlozman said, the total tax loss for the remaining years is approximately \$272,898.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Schlozman said, **Lovelace** was required to file all his delinquent income tax returns and provide the Internal Revenue Service with all information necessary to compute his income tax liability for those years.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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